

MARITIME MARKETS

Halifax, Feb. 22nd, 1904.

The chief features of the local markets is the advance in all classes of breadstuffs. In the last two weeks flour has advanced 75 cents, and stocks here are reduced to less than 4,000 barrels, with no prospect of getting any forward from the Ontario mills for several weeks owing to the freight blockade. Rolled oats and oatmeal have advanced to about five dollars, or fully a dollar more than January quotations. Cornmeal has advanced to three dollars flat.

The oat market is advancing and we now quote 45 cents for Ontario's, which is five to six cents a bushel higher than in December. Feeds are higher also, owing to the difficulty of moving freight.

Dairy produce is unchanged and dull, cheese especially having slow sale. Fresh dairy butter is scarcer. One consignment shipped from Ontario, January 29th, has not yet reached the purchaser here. There is a slight improvement in receipts of eggs, but the weather has been adverse to production. Dealers are paying 33 cents f.o.b. at country points for fresh gathered, and are jobbing them out at 35 to 37 cents. Hay is steady. There is no movement in Nova Scotian, but dealers here were fortunate in getting in fair supplies from Quebec before the railways became tied up.

Pork is a little scarce as no supplies have come forward from Prince Edward Island owing to the freezing in of the winter steamboats. Some small provincial pigs sold at seven cents this week. They are not actually scarce but if navigation should be closed for a few weeks longer they would be fully cleaned up.

Prices for apples are nominally the same, but there are scarcely any apples coming into the local market. Potatoes are selling at 45 to 48 cents per bushel and all other vegetables are very scarce. Any person having carrots, beets or parsnips could get a big price now.

BOOKS AND BULLETINS

AGRICULTURE FOR BEGINNERS.—By Professors Burkett, Stevens and Hill, of the North Carolina College of Agriculture. Ginn & Company, publishers, Boston, U.S.A. This book is well illustrated and specially adapted for those who are desiring an elementary training in agriculture. Though containing a lot of matter more applicable to American conditions, there is much useful information in it for Canadians. Price 75 cents.

TRADE AND COMMERCE.—Weekly report, Feb. 8th, 1904. Department of Trade and Commerce, Ottawa.

PEACH GROWING.—Bulletin No. 70. Agricultural Experiment Station, Arkansas.

THE COW PEA.—Bulletin No. 80. Agricultural Experiment Station, Arkansas.

THE DAIRY HERD.—Farmers' Bulletin No. 55. U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C.

Patent Report

Below will be found a list of patents recently granted by the Canadian Government, through the agency of Messrs. Marion & Marion, Patent Attorneys, Montreal, Canada, and Washington, D. C.

Information regarding any of the patents cited will be supplied free of charge by applying to the above-named firm.

No. 84,511.—Denis Charbon Vercheres, Que. Medical composition for cow fly.

No. 84,800.—Fred Cordis, Elmwood, Ont. Gate.

No. 84,822.—Robert Burnside, Montreal, Que. Vibration Box Cup.

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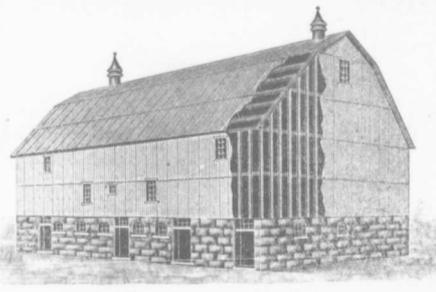
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